

**MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

President K. Davis opened the Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present: Vice President J. Woehrle; Councilmembers, J. Finnerty; F. O'Boyle; D. Casole; C. Williams and K. Transue. Mayor F. Courtright, Solicitor J. Fareri and Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember C. Williams moved to approve the Public Hearing minutes of December 21, 2015, as presented. Councilmember D. Casole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President J. Woehrle moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 21, 2015, with the clarification of the information under the Mayor's Report to read *"Coolbaugh Township advised that they will not pay any more money and they are keeping their payment to Regional Police at an amount equal to what they would have paid in 2015 if Barrett Township was a member municipality the entire year."* Councilmember D. Casole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT

President K. Davis noted that work is still ongoing in the Borough building. He again thanked Borough Council for their support and he looks forward to working with everybody this coming year. He discussed communications and emails and requested that every Councilmember use a Borough provided email address that will be provided to them. He also noted that this would be discussed further at the upcoming work session.

MAYOR

Mayor F. Courtright wished everyone a happy new year. He noted that he uses the Borough provided email address. He stated that later in the meeting he will be presenting the Dan McDavitt Service Award for 2015 to Don and Carol Struckle, owners of the Casino Theatre & Malt Shoppe.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following cash report was given as follows:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 111,315.13
PENN SECURITY GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT	20,692.71
CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT	48,805.46
BANNER BEAUTIFICATION ACCOUNT	2,420.72
STATE LIQUID FUELS	20,902.87
PARK & RECREATION FUND	4,842.95
PLANNING COMMISSION REIMB. FUND	52,775.88
ROAD FUND – GENERAL FUND	127.46
STORMWATER FUND	132,663.71
GENERAL FUND RESERVE PLGIT ACCOUNT	41,701.02
SANITATION FUND	28,392.26
ROUTE 940 CORRIDOR FUND	53,675.00
FIVE POINT INTERSECTION FUND	<u>443,880.60</u>

GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 962,195.77</u>
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Councilmember K. Transue moved to pay and approve the bills as outlined in the Treasurer's Report dated Monday, January 4, 2016, as presented. Councilmember D. Casole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS TO BE PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

ACE Hardware	(maint supplies, misc. items)	\$ 283.79
Alarm Installers Corp	(rewire system)	120.00
Amerihealth Casualty	(workers comp)	2,450.22
Berkheimer Associates	(LST Commission)	225.69
Blue Ridge Cable	(phone, internet)	396.25
Blue Tarp Financial	(air hose & reel)	119.99
Boston Mutual	(disability insurance)	240.01
CPC Signs	(signs)	543.37
C & S Brothers, Inc.	(McDavitt Award)	49.90
Community Planning & Design	(rental ordinance & drop box standards)	322.00
Fastenal	(zip ties/ handles)	106.32
First National Bank	(small tools, supplies, benches)	2,871.88
G & K Services	(uniforms & rug service)	379.66
Highmark Blue Shield	(health insurance)	6,201.26
Lowe's	(shop maintenance supplies)	20.10
Metz, Inc.	(repairs to boiler)	1,600.00
Monroe County Control center	(control center fees)	1,155.47
NAPA Auto parts	(battery, shop supplies)	260.39
NEPA	(2016 Membership)	275.00
PPL	(electric)	981.71
Payrolls Unlimited	(payroll service)	109.00
Pennsylvania Magazine	(subscription)	39.94
PA American Water	(water bills)	298.75
PSAB	(CDL Renewal Fee)	75.00
Pocono Mtn. Regional Police	(January Mortgage Payment)	2,811.27
Pocono Mtn. Public Library	(1 mill tax)	418.41
Pocono Mtn. Vol. Fire Co.	(1 mill tax)	418.42
Pocono Mtn. Reg. EMS	(1/2 mill tax)	209.20
<i>Pocono Record</i>	(advertising)	493.20
Postage Pros Plus	(ink cartridge for postage meter)	111.62
Response Computer	(upgrade to Windows 10)	210.00
Rileighs Outdoor Décor	(holiday decoration bulb/ bracket)	61.23
Schadler Yesco	(Maint Dept shop lights)	122.46
Selective Insurance	(insurances)	2,362.00
Summit Welding	(handrails)	250.00
Sunoco	(gas/ diesel)	535.87
ThyssenKrupp	(elevator inspection)	170.63
US Bank	(copier lease)	317.06
US Diary	(2016 calendars)	182.06
United Concordia	(dental insurance)	365.18
Verdin Company	(1/2 payment for clock)	7,750.00
Verizon Wireless	(cell phones)	116.04
Wal-Mart	(supplies, bulbs, part)	597.67
Yanaroo Enterprises	(backflow valves tested)	<u>300.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL

\$ 36,928.02

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BILLS TO BE PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e12/23/15)	\$5760.08
Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 12/30/15)	<u>5,652.47</u>

GRAND TOTAL **\$ 11,412.55**

BILLS TO BE PAID FROM THE STATE LIQUID FUELS ACCOUNT:

PPL	(traffic signals & street lights)	<u>\$ 183.89</u>
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GRAND TOTAL **\$ 183.89**

ZONING OFFICER

Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan stated that the November and December 2015 Zoning Officer's reports are in the packets. She noted that we received \$3,690.00 for storage trailer fees from Wal-Mart for the month of November.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor J. Fareri stated that two (2) meetings ago there was discussion regarding the Mount Pocono Motel. He noted that he has submitted a Right to Know Request to the Pocono Mountain School District requesting a list of all students with the address of the Mount Pocono Motel and on a referral from Councilmember K. Transue, he also spoke with the Monroe County Jail regarding inmates with the address of the Mount Pocono Motel; however the address is not showing in their database. He will report on any findings from the Right to Know Request at the next meeting in February.

Councilmember D. Casole questioned if Attorney Deetz has provided the rental agreement between Pula and Yanac.

Solicitor J. Fareri started that at this time he has not received the rental agreement and he will again attempt to receive it.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Monroe County Vector Control Request for Donation

Councilmember D. Casole moved to send a \$500.00 donation to the Monroe County Vector Control noting that they conduct a lot of work and help treat stagnant water for the West Nile Virus. Councilmember F. O'Boyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 1 of 2016, Tax Millage Ordinance

Councilmember F. O'Boyle moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1 of 2016, Establishing the Real Estate Millage for the Borough at 27 mills, with a 1 mill dedicated library tax, a 1 mill dedicated fire tax, and a one-half mill dedicated EMS tax, for a total millage rate of 29 and one-half mills. Councilmember C. Williams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEES

President K. Davis again stated that Standing Committees appointments will be discussed at the January 19, 2016, work session.

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Alexander's Tire & Muffler

Councilmember F. O'Boyle requested that the Zoning Officer be advised that Alexander's Tire & Muffler is in violation of the number of automobiles permitted on her property. Councilmember F. O'Boyle requested the Zoning Officer issue a citation to them because over the past year we have given them numerous warnings to clean up all of the vehicles on their property.

Fairview Avenue Lake

Vice President J. Woehrle discussed the Fairview Avenue Lake and that it is dangerous and requested that the Zoning Officer take a look at the property to see if we can cite the owners for the dangerous structures on the property.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Hildy Franzo, 6 Knob Road,

Ms. Franzo discussed the Mount Pocono Motel having an E-9-1-1 re-addressing sign of "112" facing Knob Road and stating that that number does not seem correct as she lives at 6 Knob Road. She also questioned if Borough Council could please have the microphones working as it is very difficult to hear the members of Council during the meeting.

Fork Street Property

Councilmember F. O'Boyle asked if the Fork Street has been advertised for sale again.

It was noted that the advertisement has been placed and the bids will be opened at the February 1, 2016, meeting.

Tommy Neville, Knob Road, discussed Short Term Rental Ordinance and the work being done on a property at the Knob Overlook. He went on record with his concerns that the owner will be renting out that property once he is done with his renovations.

Presentation of the 2015 Dan McDavitt Service Award

Mayor F. Courtright presented the 2015 Dan McDavitt Service Award to Don & Karen Struckle, owners of the Casino Theatre.

President K. Davis acknowledged Councilmember J. Finnerty and all of his years of service as a Councilmember and stated that he will be looking forward to talking with him and looking to him for some guidance in the coming months.

Councilmember J. Finnerty stated that tonight marks his 30th anniversary on Borough Council and after tonight he will be retiring from Borough Council.

There being no further business or any further public participation coming before the Board, Councilmember D. Casole moved to adjourn at 7:40 P.M. Councilmember C. Williams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Noonan, Borough Secretary